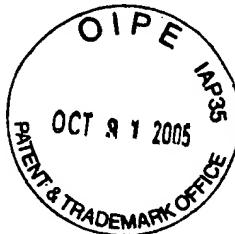


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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